

Media Release

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CELEBRATING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN HEALTHCARE

The Allan Labor Government has celebrated Victoria's healthcare workers and their achievements at the 2023 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards – recognising their contribution to Victorian healthcare.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt each paid tribute last night to the dedication, compassion, expertise and achievements of Victorian healthcare workers.

The awards are an opportunity for healthcare workers, public health services, community groups and volunteers to come together and celebrate their selfless work in delivering support and care for all Victorians.

DPVHealth was awarded the prestigious Premier's Primary Healthcare Service of the Year for a range of programs serving Melbourne's diverse outer north, including medical, allied health, nursing, mental health, family violence, refugee, NDIS and community programs.

The Royal Women's Hospital was awarded the Premier's Large Health Service of the Year for its continued high-quality and compassionate care for families across Victoria as well as being one of the country's major teaching and research hospitals.

South Gippsland Hospital was awarded the Premier's Small Health Service of the Year for their work caring for the community of Corner Inlet, with South West Healthcare named the Premier's Medium Health Service of the Year who provide more than 150 services for 100,000 people in the state's southwest.

Across the 15 general categories, this year's winners included Dhelkaya Health's midwifery group for excellence in women's health, Monash Health Residential Aged Care's prevention of occupational violence and Western Health's Babaneek Booboo Early Years project to engage First Nation's families in child and family health.

A number of mental health and wellbeing programs took out the highest honours, including Yarra Ranges' Rural Rainbows mindfulness group for young LGBTQIA+ people and North Western Primary Health Network's program to strengthen paediatric mental healthcare.

The full list of finalists for 2023 are available at health.vic.gov.au/recognition-and-awards/victorian-public-healthcare-awards-award-finalists.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"Congratulations to all the winners and finalists of this year's Victorian Public Healthcare Awards – our health workers and volunteers play a critical role in providing support and care for all Victorians."

Quote attributable to Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt

"It's fantastic to see our mental health and wellbeing programs being recognised for their amazing work – we thank our mental health workers for being the foundation of the reformed mental health system."

2023 Premier's Health Service Award winners

Premier's Primary Healthcare Service of the Year: DPVHealth

Premier's Small Health Service of the Year: South Gippsland Hospital

Premier's Medium Health Service of the Year: South West Healthcare

Premier's Large Health Service of the Year: The Royal Women's Hospital

2023 General Award winners

Keeping people healthy and safe in the community: South West Healthcare's School Readiness Program

Partnering with consumers to improve patient experience: The Royal Children's Hospital's oneTEAM

Care closer to home: The Royal Children's Hospital's Paediatric day-case adenotonsillectomy transfer to Hospital-in-the-Home

Celebrating innovation in healthcare: Victorian Virtual Emergency Department's Paediatric Service

Creating a sustainable and climate resilient health system: Barwon Renewable Energy Partnership (B-REP)

Excellence in mental health and wellbeing: St Vincent's Hospital's Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Hub

Excellence in aged care: Monash Health Residential Aged Care's prevention of occupational violence and aggression (POVA) training package

Excellence in value-based healthcare: Dental Health Services Victoria

Excellence in women's health: Dhelkaya Health's Midwifery Group Practice model

Excellence in Aboriginal health and wellbeing: Western Health's Babaneek Booboop Early Years project

Excellence in supporting healthy LGBTIQ+ Victorians: Rural Rainbows

Excellence in culturally diverse health: The Water Well Project

Celebrating a strong and sustainable workforce: North Western Primary Health Network's COMPASS project

The Safer Care Victoria award for safety improvement: The Royal Melbourne Hospital's Colorectal Outpatient Liaison Nurse role

Health Service Partnership of the Year: South East Metro Health Services Partnership